

# ASYMPTOTIC DOMINATION OF SAMPLE MAXIMA

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**Abstract:** For a given random sample from some underlying multivariate distribution  $F$  we consider the domination of the component-wise maxima by some independent random vector  $\mathbf{W}$  with distribution function  $G$ . We show that the probability that certain components of the sample maxima are dominated by the corresponding components of  $\mathbf{W}$  can be approximated under the assumptions that both  $F$  and  $G$  are in the max-domain of attraction of some max-stable distribution functions. We study further some basic probabilistic properties of the dominated components of sample maxima by  $\mathbf{W}$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathbf{Z}_i, i \leq n$  be independent  $d$ -dimensional random vectors with common continuous distribution function (df)  $F$  and denote by  $\mathbf{M}_n$  their component-wise maxima, i.e.,  $M_{nj} = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} Z_{kj}, j \leq d$ . If  $\mathbf{W}$  is another  $d$ -dimensional random vector with continuous df  $G$  being further independent of  $\mathbf{M}_n$  the approximation of the probability that at least one component of  $\mathbf{W}$  dominates the corresponding component of  $\mathbf{M}_n$  is of interest since it is related to the dependence of the components of  $\mathbf{M}_n$ , see e.g., [1]. In the special case that  $\mathbf{W}$  has a max-stable df with unit Fréchet marginal df's  $\Phi(x) = e^{-1/x}, x > 0$  and  $\mathbf{M}_n$  has almost surely positive components, we simply have

$$\mathbb{P}\{\exists i \leq d : W_i > M_{ni}\} = 1 - \mathbb{P}\{\forall i, 1 \leq i \leq d : M_{ni} \geq W_i\} = 1 - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{M}_n} \left\{ \exp \left( -\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{W}} \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} \frac{W_i}{M_{ni}} \right\} \right) \right\},$$

where  $\mathbf{W} = (W_1, \dots, W_d)$  being independent of  $\mathbf{M}_n$  is a spectral random vector of  $G$  which exists in view of the well-known de Haan representation, see e.g., [2] and (2.1) below. Note that the assumption that  $W_i$  has unit Fréchet df implies that  $\mathbb{E}\{W_i\} = 1$ .

The above probability is referred to as the marginal domination probability of the sample maxima. If  $F$  is also a max-stable df with unit Fréchet marginals, then by definition  $\mathbf{M}_n/n$  has for any  $n > 0$  df  $F$  and consequently

$$(1.1) \quad n[1 - \mathbb{P}\{\forall i, 1 \leq i \leq d : M_{ni} \geq W_i\}] = n \left[ 1 - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{Z}} \left\{ \exp \left( -\frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{W}} \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} \frac{W_i}{Z_i} \right\} \right) \right\} \right] \sim \mathbb{E} \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} \frac{W_i}{Z_i} \right\},$$

where  $\sim$  means asymptotic equivalence as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\mathcal{Z} = (\mathcal{Z}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Z}_d)$  has df  $F$  being further independent of  $\mathbf{W}$ . Under the above assumptions, we have

$$(1.2) \quad p_{n,T}(F, G) = \mathbb{P}\{\forall i, 1 \leq i \leq d : W_i > M_{ni}\} \sim \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \min_{1 \leq i \leq d} \frac{W_i}{\mathcal{Z}_i} \right\}, \quad T = \{1, \dots, d\}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , which follows by (1.1) and the inclusion-exclusion formula or directly by [1][Thm 2.5 and Prop 4.2].

Here  $p_{n,T}(F, G)$  is referred to as the probability of the complete domination of sample maxima by  $\mathbf{W}$ . In the particular case that  $F = G$  it is related to the probability of observing a multiple maxima or concurrence probability, see [3–9].

Between these two extreme cases, of interest is also to consider the partial domination of the sample maxima. Let therefore below  $T \subset \{1, \dots, d\}$  be non-empty and consider the probability that only the components of  $\mathbf{W}$  with indices in  $T$  dominate  $\mathbf{M}_n$ , i.e.,

$$\mathbb{P}\{\forall i \in T : W_i > M_{ni}, \forall i \in \bar{T} : W_i \leq M_{ni}\} =: p_{n,T}(F, G),$$

where  $\bar{T} = \{1, \dots, d\} \setminus T$ . Note that  $p_{n,T}(F, F)$  relates to the probability of observing a  $T$ -record, see [10]. By the continuity of  $F$  and  $G$  we simply have

$$p_{n,T}(F, G) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{P}\{\forall i \in T : W_i > y_i, \forall i \in \bar{T} : W_i \leq y_i\} dF^n(\mathbf{y}),$$

which cannot be evaluated without knowledge of both  $F$  and  $G$ . In the particular case that  $F$  and  $G$  are max-stable df's as above, using (1.1) and the inclusion-exclusion formula we obtain

$$(1.3) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} np_{n,T}(F, G) = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \left( \min_{i \in T} \frac{W_i}{\mathcal{Z}_i} - \max_{i \in \bar{T}} \frac{W_i}{\mathcal{Z}_i} \right)_+ \right\}.$$

When  $F = G$  the above result is known from [10][Prop 2.2]. Moreover, in the special case that  $T$  consists of one element, then the right-hand side of (1.3) is equal to  $\mathbb{P}\{C(T) \subset \bar{T}\}$ , where  $C(T)$  is the tessellation as determined in [11]. If we are not interested on a particular index set  $T$ , where the domination of sample maxima by  $\mathbf{W}$  occurs but simply on the number of components being dominated, i.e., on the random variable (rv)

$$N_n = \sum_{i=1}^d \mathbf{1}_{\{W_i > M_{ni}\}}$$

a question of interest is if  $N_n$  can be approximated as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We have that  $N_n$  has the same distribution as

$$\sum_{i=1}^d \mathbf{1}_{\{W_i/n > \mathcal{Z}_i\}},$$

provided that  $F$  is max-stable as above and  $\mathcal{Z}$  has df  $F$  being further independent of  $\mathbf{W}$ . Hence if  $W_i$ 's are unit Fréchet rv's, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n \mathbb{E}\{N_n\} = \sum_{i=1}^d \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n \mathbb{P}\{W_i > n \mathcal{Z}_i\} = \sum_{i=1}^d \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n \left[ 1 - e^{-\mathbb{E}\left\{\frac{1}{n \mathcal{Z}_i}\right\}} \right] = d.$$

Consequently, the expected number of components of sample maxima being dominated by the components of  $\mathbf{W}$  decreases as  $d/n$  when  $n$  goes to infinity. Moreover, the dependence of both  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{M}_n$  does not play any role. This is however in general not the case for the expectation of  $f(N_n)$ , where  $f$  is some real-valued function, since the dependence of both  $\mathbf{M}_n$  and  $\mathbf{W}$  influence the approximation as we shall show in the next section.

From our discussion above the assumptions that  $F$  and  $G$  are max-stable df's with unit Fréchet marginals lead to tractable asymptotic formulas for various quantities related to the domination of sample maxima  $\mathbf{M}_n$  by  $\mathbf{W}$ .

In view of [1] we know that both (1.1) and (1.2) are valid in the more general setup that both  $F$  and  $G$  are in the max-domain of attraction of some max-stable df's (see next section for details). We shall show in this paper that the same assumptions lead to tractable approximations of both  $p_{n,T}(F,G)$  and  $\mathbb{E}\{f(N_n)\}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Brief organisation of the paper: Section 2 presents the main results concerning the approximations of the marginal domination probabilities and the expectation of  $f(N_n)$ . Section 3 is dedicated to properties of  $\mathbf{W}/\mathbf{Z}$  which we call the domination spectral vector. All the proofs are relegated to Section 4.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

We shall recall first some basic properties of max-stable df's, see [2, 12–14] for details. A  $d$ -dimensional df  $\mathcal{G}$  is max-stable with unit Fréchet marginals if

$$\mathcal{G}^t(tx_1, \dots, tx_d) = \mathcal{G}(x_1, \dots, x_d)$$

for any  $t > 0, x_i \in (0, \infty), 1 \leq i \leq d$ . In the light of De Haan representation

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{x}) = \exp\left(-\mathbb{E}\left\{\max_{1 \leq j \leq d} \mathcal{W}_j/x_j\right\}\right), \quad \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in (0, \infty)^d,$$

where  $\mathcal{W}_j$ 's are non-negative rv's with  $\mathbb{E}\{\mathcal{W}_j\} = 1, j \leq d$  and  $\mathbf{W} = (\mathcal{W}_1, \dots, \mathcal{W}_d)$  is a spectral vector for  $\mathcal{G}$  (which is not unique).

In view of multivariate extreme value theory, see e.g., [14]  $d$ -dimensional max-stable df's  $\mathcal{F}$  are limiting df's of the component-wise maxima of  $d$ -dimensional iid random vectors with some df  $F$ . In that case,  $F$  is said to be in the max-domain of attraction (MDA) of  $\mathcal{F}$ , abbreviated  $F \in MDA(\mathcal{F})$ . For simplicity we shall assume throughout in the following that  $F$  has marginal df's  $F_i$ 's such that

$$(2.2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} F_i^n(nx) = \Phi(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

for all  $i \leq d$ , where we set  $\Phi(x) = 0$  if  $x \leq 0$ . We have thus that  $F \in MDA(\mathcal{F})$  if further

$$(2.3) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{x_i \in \mathbb{R}, 1 \leq i \leq d} \left| F^n(nx_1, \dots, nx_d) - \mathcal{F}(x_1, \dots, x_d) \right| = 0.$$

In the following  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $d$ -dimensional max-stable df of some random vector  $\mathbf{Z}$  with unit Fréchet marginals and  $\mathcal{G}$  is another max-stable df with unit Fréchet marginals and spectral random vector  $\mathbf{W}$  independent of  $\mathbf{Z}$ .

Below we extend [15][Prop 1] which considers the case  $F = G$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** *If  $F$  and  $G$  have continuous marginal distributions satisfying (2.2) and  $F \in MDA(\mathcal{F}), G \in MDA(\mathcal{G})$ , then for any non-empty  $T \subset \{1, \dots, d\}$  we have*

$$(2.4) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} np_{n,T}(F,G) = \mathbb{E}\left\{\left(\min_{i \in T} \mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{Z}_i - \max_{i \in \bar{T}} \mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{Z}_i\right)_+\right\} =: \lambda_T(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}).$$

**Remark 2.2.** *Define for a non-empty index set  $T$  the rv  $K_n = \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{\{\forall i \in T: W_i > M_{ji}, \forall i \in \bar{T}: W_i \leq M_{ji}\}}$ . Under the assumptions of Proposition 2.1 we have (see also [16][Corr 3.2]) that*

$$(2.5) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}\{K_n\}}{\ln n} = \lambda_T(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}).$$

**Example 2.3** ( $\mathcal{F}$  comonotonic and  $\mathcal{G}$  a product df). Suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  is comonotonic, i.e.,  $Z_1 = \dots = Z_d$  almost surely and let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a product df with unit Fréchet marginals df's and let  $N$  be rv on  $\{1, \dots, d\}$  with  $\mathbb{P}\{N = i\} = 1/d, i \leq d$ . A spectral vector  $\mathcal{W}$  for  $\mathcal{G}$  can be defined as follows

$$(\mathcal{W}_1, \dots, \mathcal{W}_d) = (d\mathbb{1}_{\{N=1\}}, \dots, d\mathbb{1}_{\{N=d\}}).$$

Indeed  $\mathbb{E}\{\mathcal{W}_k\} = d\mathbb{P}\{N = k\} = 1$  for any  $k \leq d$  and

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\max_{1 \leq i \leq d} \mathcal{W}_i / x_i\right\} = \sum_{k=1}^d \mathbb{E}\left\{\max_{1 \leq i \leq d} \mathcal{W}_i / x_i \mathbb{1}_{\{N=k\}}\right\} = \sum_{k=1}^d \mathbb{E}\{\mathcal{W}_k / x_k \mathbb{1}_{\{N=k\}}\} = d \sum_{k=1}^d \mathbb{E}\{\mathbb{1}_{\{N=k\}} / x_k\} = \sum_{k=1}^d 1/x_k$$

for any  $x_1, \dots, x_d$  positive. In particular, for a non-empty index set  $K \subset \{1, \dots, d\}$  with  $m$  elements we have

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\max_{i \in K} \mathcal{W}_i\right\} = d \sum_{k \in K} \mathbb{E}\{\mathbb{1}_{\{N=k\}}\} = m.$$

Consequently, using further that (see the proof of Proposition 2.1)

$$\lambda_T(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{J \subset T: |J|=j} \mathbb{E}\left\{\max_{i \in J \cup \bar{T}} \frac{\mathcal{W}_i}{Z_i}\right\}$$

we obtain

$$\lambda_T(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{J \subset T: |J|=j} \mathbb{E}\left\{\max_{i \in J \cup \bar{T}} \mathcal{W}_i\right\} = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{J \subset T: |J|=j} (j + d - k).$$

If  $k = d$ , then from above

$$(2.6) \quad \lambda_T(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) = \sum_{j=0}^d (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{J \subset T: |J|=j} j = d(1-1)^{d-1} = 0.$$

A direct probabilistic proof of (2.6) follows by the properties of  $\mathcal{W}$ , namely when  $k = d \geq 2$

$$\lambda_T(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) = \mathbb{E}\left\{\min_{1 \leq i \leq d} \mathcal{W}_i / Z_i\right\} = \mathbb{E}\left\{\min_{1 \leq i \leq d} \mathcal{W}_i\right\} = d\mathbb{E}\left\{\min_{1 \leq i \leq d} \mathbb{1}_{\{N=i\}}\right\} = 0.$$

Now, let us investigate the number  $N_n$  of dominations defined as in Introduction by  $\sum_{i=1}^d \mathbb{1}_{\{W_i/n > Z_i\}}$ .

For a given function  $f : \{0, \dots, d\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we shall be concerned with the behaviour of

$$\mathbb{E}\{f(N_n)\} = \sum_{k=0}^d f(k) \mathbb{P}\{N_n = k\}$$

when  $n$  tends to  $+\infty$ . Throughout in the sequel we set

$$\mathcal{D} = \{1, \dots, d\}.$$

In Proposition 2.4 below, we first express this expectation as a function of minima or maxima of  $\mathcal{W}_i / Z_i$ 's.

**Proposition 2.4.** *If  $F$  and  $G$  are as in Proposition 2.1, then we have*

$$(2.7) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n\mathbb{E}\{f(N_n)\} - nf(0) = \sum_{k=1}^d \Delta^k f(0) \sum_{K \subset \mathcal{D}, |K|=k} \mathbb{E}\left\{\min_{i \in K} \mathcal{W}_i / Z_i\right\}$$

or alternatively

$$(2.8) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n\mathbb{E}\{f(N_n)\} - nf(0) = \sum_{k=1}^d (-1)^{k+1} \Delta^k f(d-k) \sum_{K \subset \mathcal{D}, |K|=k} \mathbb{E}\left\{\max_{i \in K} \mathcal{W}_i / Z_i\right\},$$

where  $\Delta$  is the difference operator,  $\Delta f(x) = f(x+1) - f(x)$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** *If  $F$  and  $G$  are as in Proposition 2.1, then we have*

$$(2.9) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n\mathbb{E}\{f(N_n)\} - nf(0) = \sum_{k=1}^d g(k)\mathbb{E}\left\{(\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(k)}\right\} = \sum_{k=0}^d f(k) \left[ (\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(d-k+1)} - (\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(d-k)} \right],$$

where  $(\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(1)} \leq \dots \leq (\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(d)}$  are the order statistics of  $\mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{Z}_i, i \leq d$  and  $g(k) = f(d-k+1) - f(d-k)$ , with the convention  $(\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(0)} = (\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(d+1)} = 0$ .

**Remark 2.6** (retrieving simple cases). *For particular cases of  $f$  we have:*

- From Proposition 2.4, setting  $f(x) = \mathbb{1}_{\{x=d\}}$ , one can check that  $\Delta^k f(0) = 0$  when  $k < d$  and  $\Delta^d f(0) = 1$ , so that Equation (2.7) implies (1.2). Alternatively, by Proposition 2.5 since  $g(1) = f(d) - f(d-1) = 1$  and  $g(k) = f(d-k+1) - f(d-k) = 0 - 0 = 0$  if  $k > 1$  we have that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n\mathbb{E}\{f(N_n)\} - nf(0) = \mathbb{E}\left\{(\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(1)}\right\}$ .
- In view of Proposition 2.4, setting  $f(x) = \mathbb{1}_{\{x \geq 1\}}$ ,  $\Delta^k f(d-k) = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} (-1)^{k-i} f(d-k+i)$ . Thus  $\Delta^k f(d-k) = 0$  if  $k < d$ . If  $k = d$ , then

$$\Delta^d f(d-d) = \Delta^d f(0) = (1-1)^d - (-1)^d = (-1)^{d+1}$$

and Equation (2.8) implies (1.1). Alternatively, by Proposition 2.5 since if  $k < d$ ,  $g(k) = f(d-k+1) - f(d-k) = 1 - 1 = 0$  and  $g(d) = f(1) - f(0) = 1$  we obtain  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n\mathbb{E}\{f(N_n)\} - nf(0) = \mathbb{E}\left\{(\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(d)}\right\}$ .

- By Proposition 2.5, setting  $f(x) = x$ , we easily retrieve  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n\mathbb{E}\{N_n\} = \sum_{k=1}^d \mathbb{E}\left\{(\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(k)}\right\} = d$ , as seen previously.

**Remark 2.7** (Interpretation of  $(\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(j)}$ ). *Let  $f(k) = \mathbb{1}_{\{k \geq d-j+1\}}$ , for any  $j, k \in \mathcal{D}$ . Then  $g(k) = f(d-k+1) - f(d-k) = \mathbb{1}_{\{k=j\}}$ . In this case,  $f(0) = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}\{f(N_n)\} = \mathbb{P}\{N \geq d-j+1\}$ , thus*

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{(\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(j)}\right\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n\mathbb{P}\{N_n \geq d-j+1\}.$$

### 3. DOMINATION SPECTRUM

In the previous results, we have considered a particular setting, and we have expressed the domination probability and some expectations relying on number of dominations (see Section 2). We have seen that all these results were expressed as a function of

$$\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z} = \left( \frac{\mathcal{W}_i}{\mathcal{Z}_i} \right)_{i \in \mathcal{D}}.$$

By the definition  $\mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{Z}_i$ 's are nonnegative, and are such that, by independence,  $\mathbb{E}\{\mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{Z}_i\} = \mathbb{E}\{\mathcal{W}_i\} \mathbb{E}\left\{\frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_i}\right\} = 1$ . Thus in view of the De Haan representation  $\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z}$  can be viewed as the spectral random vector of some max-stable  $d$ -dimensional distribution. Since  $\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z}$  is related to the domination of  $M_n$  by  $\mathcal{W}$ , we will refer to it by the term *domination spectrum*. In this section we shall explore some basic properties of the domination spectrum.

Next, assume that  $\mathcal{W}$  has a copula  $C_{\mathcal{W}}$  and suppose further that  $\mathcal{Z}$  has a copula  $C_{\mathcal{Z}}$ . Note in passing that the latter copula is unique since the marginals of  $\mathcal{Z}$  have continuous df.

We shall first study the link between the diagonal sections of both copulas  $C_{\mathcal{W}}$  and  $C_{\mathcal{Z}}$ , defined for all  $u \in [0, 1]$  by

$$\delta_{\mathcal{W}}(u) = C_{\mathcal{W}}(u, \dots, u) \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_{\mathcal{Z}}(u) = C_{\mathcal{Z}}(u, \dots, u).$$

We recall that the diagonal section characterizes uniquely many Archimedean copulas (under a condition that is called Frank's condition, see e.g., [17]), some non-parametric estimators of the generator of an Archimedean copulas directly rely on this diagonal section. We consider here the case where the df of  $\mathcal{Z}$  has spectral random vector  $\mathcal{W}$ . Notice that the upper tail dependence coefficients can be deduced from the regular variation properties of  $\delta_{\mathcal{Z}}$  and  $\delta_{\mathcal{W}}$ , which is straightforward for  $\delta_{\mathcal{Z}}$  in the following result.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Consider a  $d$ -dimensional random vector  $\mathcal{Z}$  having max-stable df with Fréchet unit marginals and with copula  $C_{\mathcal{Z}}$ . If the random vector  $\mathcal{Z}$  has df  $H(\mathbf{y}) = \exp(-\mathbb{E}\{\max_{1 \leq j \leq d} \frac{\mathcal{W}_j}{y_j}\})$ , where all  $\mathcal{W}_j$  are nonnegative rv's with mean 1, then*

$$\delta_{\mathcal{Z}}(u) = u^{r_{\mathcal{W}}} \quad \text{with} \quad r_{\mathcal{W}} = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \max_{j \in \mathcal{D}} \mathcal{W}_j \right\}.$$

In particular, when  $r_{\mathcal{W}} > 1$ , this diagonal section  $\delta_{\mathcal{Z}}(u)$  is the one of a Gumbel copula with parameter

$$(3.1) \quad \theta = \frac{\ln d}{\ln r_{\mathcal{W}}}.$$

Furthermore, if the components of  $\mathcal{W}$  are identically distributed and if  $F_{\mathcal{W}_1}$  is invertible, then we have

$$r_{\mathcal{W}} = \int_0^1 F_{\mathcal{W}_1}^{-1}(s) d\delta_{\mathcal{W}}(s).$$

**Example 3.2** (From independence to comonotonicity). *Let  $\mathcal{W}_j = B d \mathbf{1}_{\{I=j\}} + (1-B)\delta_1$ , for all  $j \in \mathcal{D}$ , where  $I$  is a uniformly distributed rv's on  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $B$  is a Bernoulli rv with  $\mathbb{E}\{B\} = \alpha \in (0, 1]$  and  $\delta_1$  is a Dirac mass at 1, all these rv's being mutually independent. In this case,  $r_{\mathcal{W}} = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \max_{j \in \mathcal{D}} \mathcal{W}_j \right\}$  in Proposition 3.1 becomes  $r_{\mathcal{W}} = \alpha d + 1 - \alpha$ . As a consequence,  $\delta_{\mathcal{Z}}$  is the diagonal of a Gumbel copula which goes from the independence ( $\alpha = 1$ ) to the comonotonicity ( $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ ), with parameter*

$$\theta = \frac{\ln d}{\ln(1 + \alpha(d-1))}.$$

Furthermore, we have when all  $t_j > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{E} \left\{ \max_{j \in K} \frac{\mathcal{W}_j}{t_j} \right\} = \alpha \sum_{j \in K} \frac{1}{t_j} + (1-\alpha) \frac{1}{\min_{j \in K} t_j}.$$

Let  $t > 0$  and suppose that  $K$  has cardinal  $|K| > 1$ . By conditioning over  $B$ , we get

$$\mathbb{P} \{ \forall i \in K, \mathcal{W}_i / \mathcal{Z}_i > t \} = (1-\alpha) \mathbb{P} \left\{ \forall i \in K, \mathcal{Z}_i < 1/t \mid B = 0 \right\}$$

since  $\mathbb{P} \left\{ \forall i \in K, \mathcal{W}_i / \mathcal{Z}_i > t \mid B = 1 \right\} = 0$  when  $|K| > 1$ , because in this case at least one component  $\mathcal{W}_i$ ,  $i \in K$ , is zero when  $B = 1$ . Recall that  $\mathcal{Z}$  is independent from  $\mathcal{W}$  and  $B$ , thus for  $t > 0$  and  $|K| > 1$

$$\mathbb{P} \left\{ \min_{i \in K} \mathcal{W}_i / \mathcal{Z}_i > t \right\} = (1-\alpha) \exp \left( \mathbb{E} \left\{ -\max_{j \in K} \frac{\mathcal{W}_j}{(1/t)} \right\} \right) = (1-\alpha) \exp(-t(1 + \alpha|K| - \alpha)).$$

When  $|K| = 1$ , we show similarly that  $\mathbb{P} \{ \min_{i \in K} \mathcal{W}_i / \mathcal{Z}_i > t \} = (1-\alpha) \exp(-t) + \alpha \frac{1}{d} \exp(-\frac{t}{d})$ . In both cases  $|K| = 1$  and  $|K| > 1$ , the survival function  $\mathbb{P} \{ \min_{i \in K} \mathcal{W}_i / \mathcal{Z}_i > t \}$  is a linear combination of exponential functions, and thus can be shown to be a discrete mixture of exponential distributions:

$$\begin{cases} \min_{i \in K} \mathcal{W}_i / \mathcal{Z}_i & \stackrel{d}{=} (1-B) \epsilon_{1+\alpha(|K|-1)} + \mathbf{1}_{\{|K|=1\}} B \mathbf{1}_{\{I=1\}} \epsilon_{1/d} \\ \mathbb{E} \left\{ \min_{i \in K} \mathcal{W}_i / \mathcal{Z}_i \right\} & = \frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha(|K|-1)} + \mathbf{1}_{\{|K|=1\}} \alpha, \end{cases}$$

where  $B$  is a Bernoulli r.v. of parameter  $\alpha$ ,  $\epsilon_{1+\alpha(|K|-1)}$  and  $\epsilon_{1/d}$  are exponentially distributed r.v. with respective parameters  $1 + \alpha(|K| - 1)$  and  $1/d$ ,  $I$  an uniformly distributed r.v. over  $\mathcal{D}$ , all being mutually independent (for simplicity, we denote  $\mathbb{1}_{\{|K|=1\}}$  the variable whose value is 1 if  $|K| = 1$  or 0 otherwise). Then all results about the limit law of  $N_n$  follow immediately, using Equation (2.7) in Proposition 2.4. Notice that one could also determine  $r(\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})$  from this, and by application of Proposition 3.1, assess the dependence structure of the random vector whose spectrum is  $(\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})$ .

#### 4. PROOFS

We first give hereafter some combinatorial results that show how quantities depending on a number of events can be related to quantities involving only intersections or unions of those events. This generalizes inclusion-exclusion formulas that will correspond to very specific functions  $f$  and  $g$ .

**Lemma 4.1** (Inclusion-exclusion relations). *Let  $\mathcal{D} = \{1, \dots, d\}$  and let  $B_i$ ,  $i \in \mathcal{D}$  be events. Consider the number of realized events  $N = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \mathbb{1}_{\{B_i\}}$ . Then for any function  $f : \{0, \dots, d\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$*

$$(4.1) \quad \sum_{k=0}^d f(k) \mathbb{P}\{N = k\} = f(0) + \sum_{j=1}^d S_j \Delta^j f(0) = f(0) + \sum_{j=1}^d \bar{S}_j (-1)^{j+1} \Delta^j f(d-j)$$

and similarly for any function  $g : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$(4.2) \quad \sum_{k=0}^d g(k) \mathbb{P}\{N \geq k\} = \sum_{j=1}^d S_j \Delta^{j-1} g(1) = \sum_{j=1}^d \bar{S}_j (-1)^{j+1} \Delta^{j-1} g(d-j+1),$$

where  $S_j = \sum_{J \subset \mathcal{D}, |J|=j} \mathbb{P}\left\{\bigcap_{i \in J} B_i\right\}$  and  $\bar{S}_j = \sum_{J \subset \mathcal{D}, |J|=j} \mathbb{P}\left\{\bigcup_{i \in J} B_i\right\}$ .

**Proof of Lemma 4.1.** The first equality in Equation (4.1) is known in actuarial sciences under the name of Schuette-Nesbitt formula, see [18, section 8.5]. This formula does not require any independence assumption, it is a simple development of  $f(N) = (I + \mathbb{1}_{\{B_1\}} \Delta) \cdots (I + \mathbb{1}_{\{B_d\}} \Delta) f(0)$  where  $I$  and  $\Delta$  are the identity and the difference operators respectively. To prove the second equality in Equation (4.1), let us denote  $p_J = \mathbb{P}\{\bigcap_{i \in J} B_i\}$  and  $\bar{p}_J = \mathbb{P}\{\bigcup_{i \in J} B_i\}$ . By inclusion-exclusion principle, we get

$$(4.3) \quad S_k = \sum_{K \subset \mathcal{D}, |K|=k} \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{J \subset K, |J|=j} \bar{p}_J = \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{j+1} \binom{d-j}{k-j} \bar{S}_j.$$

Now using Equation (4.3),

$$\sum_{k=1}^d \Delta^k f(0) S_k = \sum_{k=1}^d \Delta^k f(0) \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{j+1} \binom{d-j}{k-j} \bar{S}_j = \sum_{j=1}^d \bar{S}_j (-1)^{j+1} \Delta^j (I + \Delta)^{d-j} f(0),$$

and since  $(I + \Delta)^{d-j} f(0) = f(d-j)$ , the second equality in Equation (4.1) holds. Similarly, the first equality in Equation (4.2) is a known Schuette-Nesbitt formula, see [18, Section 8.5], and one can retrieve the second equality by using Equation (4.3). Alternatively, one can also deduce (4.2) from (4.1) by setting  $f(0) = 0$  and  $g(k) = \Delta f(k-1)$  for all  $k \in \mathcal{D}$ . The formulas in Lemma 4.1 generalize a very old formula of Waring which give  $\mathbb{P}\{N = k\}$ ,  $k \in \mathcal{D}$ . They also generalize the classical inclusion exclusion formula which can be retrieved by setting in (4.1)  $f(k) = 1$  if  $k \geq 1$ , and  $f(k) = 0$  otherwise.  $\square$

**Proof of Proposition 2.1.** By inclusion-exclusion formula for a given index set  $T \subset \{1, \dots, d\}$  with  $k = |T|$  elements we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\{\forall i \in \bar{T} : W_i \leq y_i, \exists i \in T : W_i \leq y_i\} &= \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{J \subset T: |J|=j} \mathbb{P}\{\forall i \in (J \cup \bar{T}) : W_i \leq y_i\} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{J \subset T: |J|=j} G_{J \cup \bar{T}}(\mathbf{y}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $G_L(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbb{P}\{\forall i \in L : W_i \leq y_i\}$  is the  $L$ -th marginal df of  $G$ . In particular, letting  $W_i \rightarrow \infty, i \leq d$  yields

$$1 = \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{J \subset T: |J|=j} 1.$$

Consequently, for all  $n > 1$

$$\begin{aligned} p_{n,T}(F, G) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{P}\{\forall i \in T : W_i \geq y_i, \forall i \in \bar{T} : W_i < y_i\} dF^n(\mathbf{y}) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{P}\{\forall i \in \bar{T} : W_i \leq y_i\} dF^n(\mathbf{y}) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{P}\{\forall i \in \bar{T} : W_i \leq y_i, \exists i \in T : W_i \leq y_i\} dF^n(\mathbf{y}) \\ &= 1 - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{J \subset T: |J|=j} G_{J \cup \bar{T}}(\mathbf{y}) dF^n(\mathbf{y}) - \left(1 - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} G_{\bar{T}}(\mathbf{y}) dF^n(\mathbf{y})\right) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{J \subset T: |J|=j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} [1 - G_{J \cup \bar{T}}(\mathbf{y})] dF^n(\mathbf{y}) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{J \subset T: |J|=j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{m+i}} [1 - G_{J \cup \bar{T}}(\mathbf{y})] dF_{J \cup \bar{T}}^n(\mathbf{y}). \end{aligned}$$

In view of [1][Prop 4.2] we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n \int_{\mathbb{R}^{m+|J|}} [1 - G_{J \cup \bar{T}}(\mathbf{y})] dF_{J \cup \bar{T}}^n(\mathbf{y}) = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^{m+|J|}} \ln Q_{J \cup \bar{T}}(\mathbf{y}) dH_{J \cup \bar{T}}(\mathbf{y}).$$

Further by [1][Thm 2.5 and Prop 4.2]

$$- \int_{\mathbb{R}^{m+|J|}} \ln Q_{J \cup \bar{T}}(\mathbf{y}) dH_{J \cup \bar{T}}(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \max_{i \in J \cup \bar{T}} \frac{W_i}{Z_i} \right\}.$$

Consequently, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n p_{n,T}(F, G) = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{J \subset T: |J|=j} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \max_{i \in J \cup \bar{T}} \frac{W_i}{Z_i} \right\}.$$

In the light of [10][Lem 1] for given constants  $c_1, \dots, c_d$

$$\sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{J \subset T: |J|=j} \max_{i \in J \cup \bar{T}} c_i = \max \left( \max_{i \in \bar{T}} c_i, \min_{i \in T} c_i \right) - \max_{i \in \bar{T}} c_i = \left( \min_{i \in T} c_i - \max_{i \in \bar{T}} c_i \right)_+$$

implying the claim.

Alternatively, we have using again inclusion-exclusion formula

$$\begin{aligned} p_{n,T}(F, G) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{P}\{w_i \geq M_i, i \in T, \quad w_i < M_i, i \in \bar{T}\} dG(\mathbf{w}) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{P}\{M_i \leq w_i, i \in T\} dG(\mathbf{w}) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{P}\{M_i \leq w_i, i \in T, \exists i \in \bar{T} : M_i \leq w_i\} dG(\mathbf{w}) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} F_T^n(\mathbf{w}) dG_T(\mathbf{w}) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{J \subset \bar{T}: |J|=j} F_{J \cup T}^n(\mathbf{w}) dG(\mathbf{w}) \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^{d-k} (-1)^j \sum_{J \subset \bar{T}: |J|=j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{k+j}} F_{J \cup T}^n(\mathbf{w}) dG_{J \cup T}(\mathbf{w}).
\end{aligned}$$

Applying [1][Thm 2.5 and Prop 4.2] we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n \int_{\mathbb{R}^{k+i}} F_{J \cup T}^n(\mathbf{y}) dG_{J \cup T}(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \min_{i \in J \cup T} \frac{\mathcal{W}_i}{\mathcal{Z}_i} \right\}$$

and thus

$$(4.4) \quad \mu_T(H, Q) = \sum_{j=0}^{d-k} (-1)^j \sum_{J \subset \bar{T}: |J|=j} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \min_{i \in J \cup T} \frac{\mathcal{W}_i}{\mathcal{Z}_i} \right\}.$$

By [10][Lem 1] we obtain further

$$\mu_T(H, Q) = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \min_{i \in T} \frac{\mathcal{W}_i}{\mathcal{Z}_i} - \min \left( \min_{i \in T} \frac{\mathcal{W}_i}{\mathcal{Z}_i}, \max_{i \in \bar{T}} \frac{\mathcal{W}_i}{\mathcal{Z}_i} \right) \right\},$$

hence the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Proof of Proposition 2.4.** In view of the first equality in Equation (4.1)

$$\mathbb{E} \{f(N_n)\} = f(0) + \sum_{k=1}^d \Delta^k f(0) \sum_{K \subset \mathcal{D}, |K|=k} \mathbb{P} \{ \forall i \in K, W_i \geq M_{ni} \}.$$

Alternatively, using the second equality in Equation (4.1)

$$\mathbb{E} \{f(N_n)\} = f(0) + \sum_{k=1}^d (-1)^{k+1} \Delta^k f(d-k) \sum_{K \subset \mathcal{D}, |K|=k} \mathbb{P} \{ \exists i \in K, W_i \geq M_{ni} \}.$$

Thus using (1.1) establishes the claim.  $\square$

**Proof of Proposition 2.5.** Let us consider  $\mathbb{P} \left\{ (\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(k)} \leq x \right\} = \mathbb{P} \{ \text{at least } k \text{ events } [\mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{Z}_i \leq x] \text{ are realized, } i \in \mathcal{D} \}.$

Using the first equality in Equation (4.2), for any function  $g : \{1, \dots, d\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we obtain

$$\sum_{k=1}^d g(k) \mathbb{P} \left\{ (\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(k)} \leq x \right\} = \sum_{k=1}^d \Delta^{k-1} g(1) \sum_{K \subset \mathcal{D}, |K|=k} \mathbb{P} \{ \forall i \in K, \mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{Z}_i \leq x \}$$

and hence letting  $x \rightarrow \infty$  we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^d g(k) = \sum_{k=1}^d \Delta^{k-1} g(1) \sum_{K \subset \mathcal{D}, |K|=k} 1.$$

Consequently, for any real  $x$

$$\sum_{k=1}^d g(k) \mathbb{P} \left\{ (\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(k)} > x \right\} = \sum_{k=1}^d \Delta^{k-1} g(1) \sum_{K \subset \mathcal{D}, |K|=k} \mathbb{P} \left\{ \max_{i \in K} \mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{Z}_i > x \right\}.$$

By the assumptions

$$\mathbb{E} \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} \mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{Z}_i \right\} \leq \sum_{i=1}^d \mathbb{E} \{ \mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{Z}_i \} = d,$$

hence since  $\mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{Z}_i$ 's are non-negative it follows that

$$\sum_{k=1}^d g(k) \mathbb{E} \left\{ (\mathcal{W}/\mathcal{Z})_{(k)} \right\} = \sum_{k=1}^d \Delta^{k-1} g(1) \sum_{K \subset \mathcal{D}, |K|=k} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \max_{i \in K} \mathcal{W}_i/\mathcal{Z}_i \right\}.$$

Finally, in order to retrieve Equation (2.8), we must have for any  $k \in \{1, \dots, d\}$

$$\Delta^{k-1}g(1) = (-1)^{k+1}\Delta^k f(d-k).$$

Now, assuming that for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ ,  $g(k) = f(d-k+1) - f(d-k) = \Delta f(d-k)$ , then denoting by  $T = \Delta + I$  the translation operator

$$\Delta^{k-1}g(1) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k-1}{i} (-1)^{k-1-i} T^{-i} \Delta f(d-1).$$

This implies

$$\Delta^{k-1}g(1) = (-I + T^{-1})^{k-1} \Delta f(d-1) = (-1)^{k-1} (T^{-1}(T-I))^{k-1} \Delta f(d-1).$$

Thus, for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, d\}$  we have

$$\Delta^{k-1}g(1) = (-1)^{k+1} \Delta^k f(d-k)$$

and hence the claim follows.  $\square$

**Proof of Proposition 3.1.** For the first equality, since  $\mathbf{Z}$  has unit Fréchet marginals for any  $u > 0$  we have

$$C_{\mathbf{Z}}(u, \dots, u) = H\left(\frac{1}{-\ln u}, \dots, \frac{1}{-\ln u}\right) = \exp\left(\mathbb{E}\left\{\max_{1 \leq j \leq d} \ln(u) \mathcal{W}_j\right\}\right) = u^{\mathbb{E}\left\{\max_{j \in \mathcal{D}} \mathcal{W}_j\right\}}$$

and thus  $\delta_{\mathbf{Z}}(u) = u^{r_{\mathbf{Y}}}$ . Since the diagonal section of a  $d$ -dimensional Archimedean copula with parameter  $\theta$  is  $u^{d^{1/\theta}}$  we obtain the formula for  $\theta$ . This is consistent with the fact that the Gumbel copula is an Extreme Value Copula (the only Archimedean one, see [19]).

For the last equality, setting  $\mathcal{W}_j = F_{\mathcal{W}_1}^{-1}(U_j)$ , we get  $\max_{j \in \mathcal{D}} \mathcal{W}_j = \max_{j \in \mathcal{D}} F_{\mathcal{W}_1}^{-1}(U_j)$ . Assuming further that all  $\mathcal{W}_i$ 's have a common df  $F_{\mathcal{W}_1}$ , then  $\max_{j \in \mathcal{D}} F_{\mathcal{W}_1}^{-1}(U_j) = F_{\mathcal{W}_1}^{-1}(\max_{j \in \mathcal{D}} U_j)$ . Using further

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\max_{j \in \mathcal{D}} U_j \leq u\right\} = \mathbb{P}\{U_1 \leq u, \dots, U_d \leq u\} = C_{\mathbf{Y}}(u, \dots, u) = \delta_{\mathbf{Y}}(u)$$

we get  $\mathbb{E}\{\max_{j \in \mathcal{D}} \mathcal{W}_j\} = \int_0^1 F_{\mathcal{W}_1}^{-1}(s) d\delta_{\mathbf{Y}}(s)$ .  $\square$

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